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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF PEACE HAWK LETTER OF OFFER

REF : A. CSAF 171415Z DEC 74; B. JIDDA 7371; C. JIDDA 7415

SAUDI AIR FORCE COMMANDER LTG ZUHAIR ASKED TO MEET WITH THE AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING ON SHORT NOTICE. IN SPITE OF FACT THAT TODAY IS FIRST DAY OF LONG MOSLEM HOLIDAY, PRINCE SULTAN, SAUDI MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HAD ASKED GEN ZUHAIR TO MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS URGENTLY:

1. THAT THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAD HAD ONLY A SHORT TIME TO EVALUATE THE PEACE HAWK IV LETTER OF OFFER AND BADLY NEEDED THE EXTENSION UNTIL 31 JANUARY. HE WAS ASSURED THAT EVERY EFFORT WAS BEING MADE TO RESPOND QUICKLY AND POSITIVELY.

2. THAT HE WAS CONCERNED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CONCRETE INFORMATION ON THE CONCEPT OF THE F-5 FLIGHT TRAINING PLANNED BY THE USAF FOR PEACE HAWK IV,
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NOR ANY IDEA OF ITS COST, NOR WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY

DELAY IN STARTING THE TRAINING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SAUDI PILOTS HAD COMPLETED THEIR FIRST YEAR OF BASIC FLIGHT TRAINING. THAT THE QUESTION OF KEEPING UP TO 21 SAUDI F-5S IN THE STATES FOR THE TRAINING IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO BOTH MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN, AND HID DEPUTY PRINCE TURKI. HE EXPRESSED CHAGRIN AT THE PROSPECT OF HAVING AS MANY AS 21 SAUDI FIGHTERS HELD IN THE UNITED STATES -- APPARENTLY AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF THEIR BEING NEEDED HERE.

GEN ZUHAIR WAS TOLD THAT WE WOULD REQUEST INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY.

REQUEST ALL THIS INFORMATION BE PROVIDED IF POSSIBLE BY THE TIME WE GIVE WORK ON EXTENSION OF THE PEACE HAWK IV PROGRAM, I.E., DEC 21-22.
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